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1. IN APRIL 17 STATEMENT PRIME MINISTER BANDARANAIKE CONFIRMED GSL RECOGNITION OF SIHANOUK'S "ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION" (GRUNK) "A FEW DAYS AGO." (GSL'S MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS NOT YET ANNOUNCED ESTABLISHEMENT OF DIPLOMATIC TIES). FULL STATEMENT AS REPORTED IN SRI LANKA PRESS FOLLOWS:

"I HAVE JUST LEARNT THAT THE LIBERATION FORCES OF CAMBODIA HAVE OVER-RUN THE CAPITAL CITY OF PHNOM PENH, MY GOVERNMNT HAS BEEN FOLLOWING WITH KEEN INTEREST THE DEVELOPMENT IN CANBODIA SINCE PRINCE SIHANOUK HAD TO SEEK EXILE IN THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

"WE IN SRI LANKA RECOGNISED THE GOVERMENT OF PRINCE SIHANOUK AS THE LEGAL GOVERNMENT OF CAMBODIA A FEW DAYS AGO. I SINCERELY HOPE THAT THE FALL OF PHNOM PENH WILL RESULT IN THE IMMEDIATE CESSATION OF CIVIL STRIFE THAT HAS RAVAGED CAMBODIA FOR SO LONG AND WILL ENABLE THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF CAMBODIA TO ADDRESS THEIR ENERGY IMMEDIATELY TO THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THEIR COUNTRY AND TO LIVE IN PEACE AND HAPPINESS IN THE
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FUTURE. I SEND MY PERSONAL GOOD WISHES TO PRINCE SIHANOUK AND

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THE PEOPLE OF CAMBODIA FOR A NEW EAR OF PEACEFUL RECONSTRUCTION."

2. IN SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT, SIHANOUK HAS CABLED ANURA BANDARA-
NAIKE THANKING HIM FOR HIS "GREAT SUPPORT" IN SECURING GRUNK
LEGAL RECOGNITION BY GSL AND FOR HOSPITALITY TO GRUNK "FOREIGN
MINISTER" YFRIN CHHAK ON RECENT SRI LANKA VISIT.
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